

Independence and Valley Forge

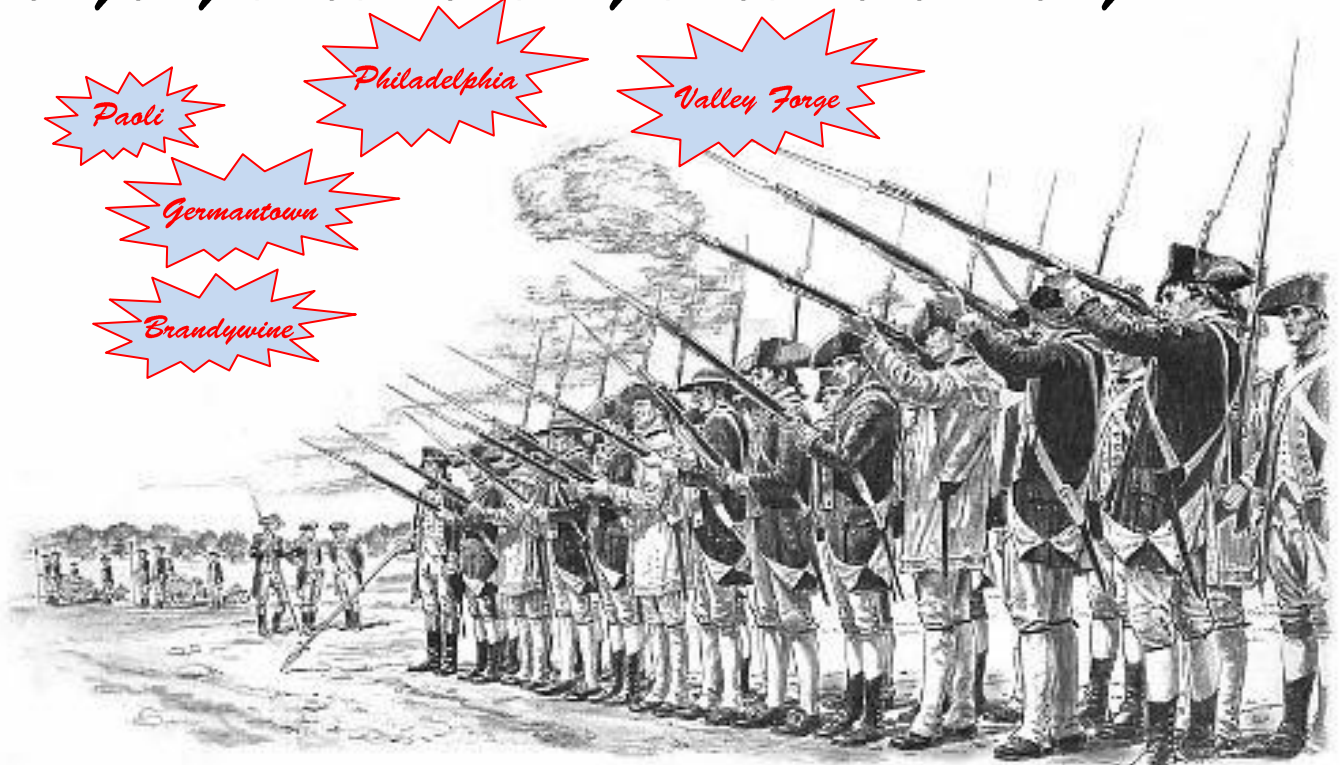
National Historical Parks



2013 Summer Teachers Institute

Washington's Philadelphia Campaign:

Bring history to your students and your students to history!



The Philadelphia Campaign was a pivotal turning point in the American Revolution and is easily explored today in the parks and historic areas surrounding Philadelphia. We will start our week with a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall as we tour Olde City Philadelphia. We will end the week at Valley Forge, meeting with Commander-in-Chief, General Washington. Teachers will experience place-based learning as we tour historic sites of Washington's Philadelphia Campaign of 1777-1778. This professional development workshop will provide teachers with primary source materials, instructional strategies, and history content to enrich teaching the American Revolution. The workshop will balance field trips, guest speakers, classroom instruction and collegial interaction with educators, scholars and historians.

When: July 8-11, 2013

Who: All Educators – 3rd through 11th grades

Where: The week will be spent touring the sites of Washington's Philadelphia Campaign. We will begin and end each day at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Cost: \$75

The workshop will include:

- Air-Conditioned, guided bus tours of sites associated with the 1777 to 1778 Philadelphia Campaign
- Behind the scenes look at historic places, historic artifacts and historic documents.
- All participants will receive books, lesson plans and teaching resources .
- 32 hours of continuing education credits for PA (Act 48) and NJ teachers. An additional 32 hours of credit is available if lesson plans are created by participants.
- Guest instruction by His Excellency, Commander in Chief General George Washington.
- Lunch provided each day.

Here's what teachers from past Summer Institutes had to say about the experience:

This is history that happened in our student's back yard. . . They need to be aware of this.

This workshop was the best I have ever attended! Great job.

I teach language arts and can relate everything we discussed to a lesson that I can not only do, but cover state standards as well.

A good balance between classroom/content sessions and on-site visits.

I received more than enough [information] to implement some creative and interesting changes into my curriculum.

There is no learning that compares to experiential learning! Anyone can memorize facts and get a good grade on a test. Experiencing the learning is what the National Park Institute provides. It stays in your memory and becomes part of your prior knowledge. I have taken many classes and workshops beyond my formal education and nothing compares to this!

Applications must be postmarked by May 13, 2013.

Questions?

Contact Jeffrey Collins at jeffrey_collins@nps.gov or at (215) 597-1039, or contact Rhonda Schier at rhonda_schier@nps.gov or 610-783-1008.

Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

School: _____

Grade Level Taught: _____

Briefly describe why you are applying for this institute:

How many field trips do you take with your class each year?

Where do you regularly go on these field trips?

Briefly explain how you expect to use the content and techniques in your teaching:

Do not send your check at this time. After you are selected, a check will be requested.
This application should be postmarked no later than May 13, 2013 and sent to:

Jeffrey Collins
Independence Park Institute
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Or sent via e-mail to jeffrey_collins@nps.gov by May 13, 2013.